



# House of Representatives

**File No. 718**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 503)**

Substitute House Bill No. 5723  
As Amended by House  
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 19, 2003

## **AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2       Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services  
3       and the Executive Director of the Commission on Children, shall  
4       establish an after school committee.

5       (b) The after school committee shall be appointed jointly by said  
6       commissioners and executive director and shall include, but not be  
7       limited to, persons having expertise in after school programs, after  
8       school program providers, local elected officials, members of  
9       community agencies, members of the business community and  
10      professional educators.

11      (c) The after school committee shall report on and make  
12      recommendations, including, but not be limited to, the following: (1)  
13      Identification of existing state, federal and private resources to support  
14      and sustain after school programs; (2) methods and practices to  
15      enhance coordination and goal setting among state agencies to achieve

16 efficiencies and to encourage training and local technical assistance  
17 with respect to after school programs; (3) identification of best  
18 practices; (4) methods of encouraging community based providers  
19 reflective of diverse neighborhoods and populations; (5) professional  
20 development and joint training to maximize efficiency and expertise;  
21 (6) establishment of specific long and short term goals and a timetable  
22 to implement the plan; (7) measures to address barriers to after school  
23 programs; and (8) a private and public governance structure that  
24 ensures sustainability for after school programs.

25 (d) The Commissioner of Education may seek and accept funding  
26 from private organizations that do not receive grants or other funding  
27 from the Department of Education to implement the provisions of this  
28 section.

29 (e) The after school committee shall report, in accordance with  
30 section 11-4a of the general statutes, its findings pursuant to this  
31 section to the General Assembly by January 1, 2004.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	\$20,000	\$20,000

Note: GF=General Fund

#### **Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

This bill will result in a cost of \$20,000 to the State Department of Education. This cost is the result of needing a one-quarter position to coordinate the report and meetings concerning after school programs. The FY 04 and FY 05 budgets as passed by the Appropriations Committee do not contain sufficient funds or flexibility to meet the requirements of the bill.

The fringe benefit costs for state employees are budgeted centrally in the Miscellaneous Accounts administered by the Comptroller. The total fringe benefit reimbursement rate as a percentage of payroll is 40.21%, effective July 1, 2002. However, first year fringe benefit costs for new positions do not include pension costs lowering the rate to 18.81% in FY 04. The state's pension contribution is based upon the prior year's certification by the actuary for the State Employees Retirement System.

House "A" is technical and has no fiscal impact.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

sHB 5723 (as amended by House "A")\*

***AN ACT CONCERNING AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the education commissioner to establish an after school committee, in consultation with the social services commissioner and Children's Commission executive director. The three must jointly appoint the committee's members who must include people who operate, or are experts in, after school programs; local elected officials; members of community agencies; business people; and professional educators.

The committee must report and make recommendations on:

1. existing government resources to support after school programs,
2. ways to improve goal setting and coordination among state agencies to achieve efficiencies and encourage training and local technical assistance for after school programs,
3. best practices,
4. ways to encourage community-based providers reflecting diversity in neighborhoods and populations,
5. professional development and joint training (the bill does not say who might participate in such training),
6. establishing short- and long-term goals and a timetable to implement an unspecified plan,
7. ways to address barriers to after school programs, and
8. a public and private governance structure that ensures after school programs are sustainable.

The bill requires the committee to report by January 1, 2004. To implement its provisions, the bill allows the education commissioner to seek and accept funds from private organizations that do not receive Education Department grants or other monies.

\*House Amendment "A" stipulates that the education commissioner can seek and accept funds only from private organizations that do not receive Education Department funding.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13      Nay 0

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 26      Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 44      Nay 0